



This Week
Tom McNamara
Return Visit after
about 30 Years ...
His 29 Active
Years with
the Pasadena
Tournament of
Roses, etc.
Program Host:
Steve Kerekes

Tom McNamara will be telling us about his 29 Active Years with Pasadena Tournament of Roses and Other Notable Coincidences that have changed his life in some meaningful way.

It has been about thirty years since he first spoke to Altadena Rotary. He spoke then about insurance-related matters (life insurance and annuities) that were – as it turned out – to be of high interest to the members in attendance that day (*Invited to speak by Al Chan*). This year he will speak about The Pasadena Tournament of Roses, of which he has been a member for 37 years [29 Active then 8 as a (current) Auxiliary Member].

McNamara has served on numerous Committees, including Post Parade,
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Fighting Modern Slavery
Rotary's joining with
Freedom United

Brought to you by Jacque Foreman for Sarah O'Brien, President
 From Rotary International's website ... Story by Arnold R. Grahl

An estimated 40.3 million people around the world live in slavery involving either sexual exploitation or forced labor. A new partnership with Freedom United is giving Rotarians a chance to do something to stop it.



Dave McCleary was volunteering at a youth conference in 2012 when a young woman named Melissa explained how she had ended up in the sex trade.

She was living in a nice suburb of Atlanta, Georgia, when a young man knocked on her door and offered her a job as a model. The man turned out to be a pimp, who lured her into prostitution through a combination of drugs, threats, and coercion.

"She was from my town, and was living in an apartment where my wife used to live before we got married," remembers McCleary, a member of the Rotary Club of Roswell. "After the presentation, a member of my club gave her a big hug. I asked how he knew her, and he said she used to babysit his kids when she was 12. That's when I realized this wasn't someone else's problem. This is happening all around us."

McCleary is now co-chair of the Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery, which has

been coordinating Rotary clubs' efforts to fight slavery since 2013. A big challenge for the group has been motivating clubs to act. The immense scale of the problem can be daunting. The Global Slavery Index estimates that, worldwide, 40.3 million people are subject to some form of slavery: bonded labor, forced labor, child slavery, sex trafficking, or forced marriage.

"I think many people ask, 'What can I do? What impact can my small club possibly have?'" McCleary says. One answer could come from the group's recent partnership with Freedom United, a nonprofit organization that has mobilized millions of partners, activists, and advocates through online campaigns to convince governments and companies to end slavery.

Through Freedom United's website, Rotary clubs of any size can sign up to form *Freedom Rings*, which raise community awareness of slavery while sharing

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by Sarah O'Brien, President

Greeter of the Week

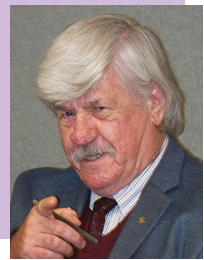
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Program Review

Principal Lawton Gray Still Bullish on Muir High School



Our guest speaker last week was a revisit by the Principal of John Muir High

School, Lawton Gray. He is entering his second year as Muir Principal and is clearly enjoying the challenge. Previously he had been Principal of Oak Avenue Intermediate School in Temple City, where he received the 2017 California Gold Ribbon Award for excellence in teaching, learning and building



a highly successful school environment supporting student achievement.

One of the challenges today is the decreasing student population in Pasadena Unified School District schools. In recent years the PUSD populations has dropped from 36,000 to approximately 18,000 currently. At this time, Muir HS has 862 students. Gray's vision is that Muir High School will be the flagship school of the District with the goal of building model citizens. He is proud of the fact that, for the first time in 20 years, a young lady from Muir has been selected for the Rose Court, and she is the only PUSD student in this year's Rose Court.

Part of Gray's effort to make Muir a flagship school is to grow parent involvement. One of the ways this is being accomplished is through a *Blackboard Connect* website to keep parents informed and involved. As a result of such efforts, the attendance of at parent meetings had grown significantly.

We were advised that Muir High School has been chosen to be an Early College Magnet School in association with Pasadena City College (PCC). Through this program, each student has the opportunity to take college classes throughout their years at Muir – up to 6 college credits per year, giving each student the chance to have completed 2 years of college by the time s/he graduates from High School. This program provides the students with the opportunity to study such subjects as Environmental Science, Engineering, Sociology and Psychology, as well as English & Math. All course fees and materials are free to Muir students.

Although Muir's 4 percent drop out rate is higher than Gray would like, he explains that a good part of this results from the fact that they must take children new to the country who often do not speak English, so they can become frustrated. The school also must take children from Juvenile Court
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Congratulations



Birthdays



07 - Noriko Suzuki Mehringer
08 - Susan Cox
10 - Heather Campbell
20 - Charles Wilson
24 - Jim Gorton
27 - Dawn Digrius



Anniversaries



01 - Fred & Margarita Figueroa
07 - Mendel & Helen Zivkovic Hill
19 - David & Elsa Smith

New Ideas for our Concert Flyers



Last year I came up with a new logo for our concerts in the park. The logo was picked up by the printers who produced the program booklets for each concert.



The Rotary Club of Altadena Presents



A couple of months ago, I came up with two ideas to replace the flyer that has been distributed to advertise the concerts for several years. I sent my ideas to the committee and received one reply. That person preferred the lighter of the two suggested flyers. You will notice that the performers were taken from the performers who appeared last season, but the dates have been changed. In 2019, August has five (5) Saturdays. I put in a spot for this extra week, but don't know at this time if there will be five (5) concerts in August instead of four (4).

I know it seems a bit early since the concerts don't start until July, but things get hectic, and then everything is done in a rush. Both of my suggested flyers use a picture of the crowd at one of the later concerts as the background.

There are two possible formats for the concert schedule. I used last year's advertisers. If you wish to see a large version, ask, and I will send them.



The annual Summer Concert Series is organized by the Rotary Club of Altadena, in association with the Sheriff's Support Group of Altadena, the LA Department of Parks and Recreation and LA County Superior Kathryn Barber. All concerts are free.

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22nd Annual Summer Concert Series Schedule - 2018

Kenny Sara & the Sounds of New Orleans	Saturday, July 7 - at 7PM
Susie Hansen Latin Band	Saturday, July 14 - at 7PM
Lisa Haley & the Zydekats (Americana/Cajun)	Saturday, July 21 - at 7PM
Mary Jane's Last Dance (Tom Petty Tribute)	Saturday, July 28 - at 7PM
déjà vu (Rock & Roll Dance)	Saturday, August 4 - at 7PM
Upstream (Steel Drum Reggae and Soca)	Saturday, August 11 - at 7PM
Greg and the Gallows (Country/Americana)	Saturday, August 18 - at 7PM
The Blue Breeze Band (Motown, R&B, Funk)	Saturday, August 25 - at 7PM

And...the Grand Finale... Saturday, September 8th
Who's Next in their Tribute to
THE WHO
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Susie Hansen Latin Band	Saturday, July 13
Lisa Haley and the Zydekats (Americana/Cajun)	Saturday, July 20
Mary Jane's Last Dance (Tom Petty Tribute)	Saturday, July 27
déjà Vu (Rock & Roll Dance)	Saturday, August 03
Upstream (Steel Drum Reggae and Soca)	Saturday, August 10
Greg and the Gallows (Country/Americana)	Saturday, August 17
The Blue Breeze Band (Motown, R&B, Funk)	Saturday, August 24
To Be Announced	Saturday, August 31

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referrals due to the many group homes in the Altadena/Pasadena area. Many of these children come with significant psychological and emotional challenges.

Another innovative program at Muir is that they have an actual branch of the Pasadena Federal Credit Union on campus. This business operates from Wednesday

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through Friday each week from 11:30a to 3:30p. Students are given the opportunity to work there and obtain banking knowledge and work experience.

Gray is also very proud of the Muir Football team, the Mustangs. As an indication of their talent, last year they were selected to participate in a football competition in

Las Vegas. They traveled to this event by bus. This year they have been selected to participate in a football competition in San Jose, but this time the team will be traveling to the event by plane.

Lawton Gray ended by offering to provide tours of the school for anyone interested. Tony Hill



A Patient's Limited Needs Can Dictate the Level of Care

At the Los Angeles Christian Health Centers, there are situations in providing dental care when the work has more cosmetic function than masticatory value. We were recently asked to provide a rush upper denture without lower denture, even though the patient had no dentition. Complete edentulism is rampant on skidrow. The chronic citizens in this survival life style has very little access to sinks or sink water or toothbrushes. Their meager collection of possessions often get confiscated as they are displaced or periodically incarcerated. Often they loose all hygiene motivations because

of psychotic episodes or just common bouts of depression.

This particular denture request required a review. Are we providing adequate care? Has the patient ever tried a full lower denture? Has the patient ever received adequate instructions for use of denture adhesive. We did not delay the case but as the dental director, I felt it was necessary to inquire.

Her situation was not too unusual. She was dying. Life expectancy on skidrow is about 55. She was merely trying to finish with a smile. Her cancer was extremely advanced. She was trying to reconnect with a

couple of old acquaintances and wanted to create a couple of memories with whatever family she could find.

We are serving a horrible community. We are part of the solution but the lives are often bleak. Often we don't know how to connect with them in time to see any change in their lives. There really are not a lot of victories to speak about. We are called to come alongside and provide as best we can. In this case a half a smile is enough. It's all she needed. It is a pleasure to try our best to make some differences, *However Small.* ○

This Week

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Formation Area, Parade Operations, Float Construction, Security, Transportation, Press Relations, Music, and others. He says he has never had a bad assignment. His initial reason for joining the Tournament was to give something meaningful back to the City of Pasadena, where he has resided since moving west from New York in 1973. And, when he was initially interviewed as part of the process of applying for membership, he indicated that he had no interest in seeking higher levels within the Tournament – such as a Directorship or Presidency – so he could direct all his energy to best serving the Tournament by doing any job he was assigned.

The topic of his talk is intended to reveal – at least in his thinking – how things that happen to us that are taken for granted as isolated events are actually the result of



what he calls *coincidences* that started well before the supposed final event, e.g., his joining the Tournament of Roses. However, they are, in fact, the result of a series of coincidences that have brought us from one place to another. We don't often see the connections in the present, but, when looking retrospectively, we discover a path that seems to imply that the connected events are anything but coincidental.

McNamars says that he has had a very interesting life – so far – that has been built on a college education (BS - Business Administration), US Air Force Officer, 1965-1970, with some brief service in Viet Nam, 1968-69 from Taiwan. He has been a Special Sales Agent and Manager for *The Hartford Life Insurance Company*, Long Island and Southern California, 1970-1979; Benefits Manager for a large property and casualty insurance agency in Pasadena, 1980-1981; a Self-employed, Independent Life and Health Insurance Broker, 1981 to the present.

His hobbies include collecting fountain pens, pitching in local amateur baseball leagues (1990-2014), playing guitar (currently in a church choir and two rock and roll bands), coin and certain paper currency collecting, and inventor (of sorts). He holds one Utility Patent. ○

In Tune

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information with one another through an online platform. Freedom United helps the club plan a two-hour community event by arranging speakers that can include experts, survivors, and representatives of local non-profits that are already fighting modern slavery. At the end of the event, people are invited to join the ring. The core team this creates then selects yearly projects to commit to.

“These rings are inspired out of a Rotary club but also pull from the larger community,” says Joe Schmidt, CEO of Freedom United. “We have a series of things they can choose to do. We ask them to keep it pretty simple and laser-focused on one particular project.” Schmidt, who advises Delta Airlines on its anti-trafficking strategy, met McCleary through Delta’s involvement with Georgia Rotarians, including during the 2017 Rotary Convention in Atlanta.

“Dave [McCleary] and I started to talk, and we recognized that there are maybe 200 to 400 groups just in the US working on modern slavery topics. However, they are all disjointed with no common platform,” Schmidt says. “It sparked in us a connection between Freedom United’s interest in taking our massive online

community down to the grassroots level and Rotary’s ability to provide hundreds of groups all over the world who would be foot soldiers in this fight.”

According to Schmidt, a ring in Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA, is planning an annual gala fundraiser, and one in Raleigh, North Carolina, is working on a walk/run to raise awareness. Another ring is organizing a *red sand project*, where volunteers sprinkle red sand in the cracks of city streets to represent all the people in the world who are enslaved.

Ian Rumbles, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Clayton, North Carolina, heard

Schmidt speak at his district conference in April. His club is in the beginning stages of forming a ring. “What resonated with me was hearing about the amount of domestic slavery and the number of people forced to work in farm fields in my own state,” says Rumbles. “The fact that people in our country were modern slaves made me think that I can only imagine the amount of slavery around the world.”

Schmidt, CEO of Freedom United, says Rotary’s experience with polio eradication makes it a perfect partner for this fight. “Rotary’s patience in committing to a cause and its track record with polio have

shown that Rotarians are willing to take mature, committed action toward long-term global change, even if it doesn’t give immediate gratifying results,” he says. “That’s the thing missing in the fight against modern slavery: large organizations who are willing to step into this thing for the long haul and eradicate slavery once and for all.”

McCleary is hoping that the partnership with Freedom United will better lead to more. “The great thing about Rotary is that even though we are international, we are community-based,” he adds. “So if there’s a need in a community, we have Rotary clubs there to make it happen.” ○

5 hard facts on modern child slavery



1 in 4

victims of slavery are children



10 million

children are considered slaves



300,000

child soldiers are forced to fight wars



700 million

women alive today were married as children



17.2 million

children are working as domestic workers

Source: [Freedom United](#)

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Reserve Deputy Program

Back in the 1800s, the Sheriff would look to the community to form a posse and deputize citizens to assist him in the apprehension of horse thieves, murderers, or other criminals. Thankfully, we have thousands of full-time deputies to perform those duties today, but, in 2018, just like the 1800s, the Sheriff is looking to the community to find citizens to volunteer and help by becoming reserve deputy sheriffs.

Reserve deputies undergo the same training and background checks that full-time deputies receive. It's a year-long process, but, after graduation, reserve deputies can perform a wide array of duties and service to the community.

The *Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Reserve Program* is one of the largest in the country, with over 600 all-volunteer sworn reserve deputy sheriffs. Last year they worked 182,000 hours keeping the citizens of Los Angeles County safe. Those 182,000 hours represent millions of dollars in savings to taxpayers.

Patrolling our communities is only one of many functions performed by reserve deputies. Lifesaving search and rescue missions are performed every week by reserves as part of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Search and Rescue Program. Last year reserve deputy sheriffs performed 684 missions throughout the county, saving countless lives.

Another opportunity for reserve deputy sheriffs to serve is by becoming a member of the Sheriff's Department's Posse. Posse members work patrolling trails and various community events on horseback.

Reserve deputies also help solve crimes by working in many of the Sheriff's Department's detective units, such as Homicide Bureau, Narcotics Bureau, Fraud and Cyber Crime Bureau, and Special Victims Bureau. We also have reserves who ride street and off-road motorcycles for the Department.

Reserve deputies come from all walks of life and from a wide variety of professions. The common thread of all is a burning desire to give back to their community and assist their fellow citizens.

If you are interested in signing up – just like citizens did over a 150 years ago – there is a reserve deputy academy scheduled to start in February 2019. Please contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Reserve Forces Detail at 323-526-5100 and ask for Assistant Director Mike Leum to get started.

MOVING

ON UP!



FREE EXPERT GUIDANCE!

WHEN: Tuesday, October 9th
9:00am - 10:45am

Doors open at 8:30pm (Light breakfast and coffee provided)

WHERE:

Altadena Community Center
730 E. Altadena Drive, Altadena 91001

COST: FREE

Registration is required. Seating is limited.

Topics Included:

- What to do with the equity from your home after the sale
- Taking the confusion out of finding the right senior community
- How to overcome the fear and anxiety when facing a major life change
- How to navigate and prepare for a move from your long time home



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